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OPA Daily Digest for 8/29/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa): 8/27/13: Additional questions on the NPDES permit to the Council Bluffs Water Works. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa): 8/27/13: Additional questions on the NPDES permit to the Council Bluffs Water Works. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

None

Environmental Stories:

Iowa Corn Growers Association: Iowa Corn Growers Set New Legislative Policies (release) - 8/28/13 - Grassroots representatives from the Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) reinstated expiring policies and debated or adopted new policies at the ICGA annual meeting and policy conference in Des Moines on August 24, 2013. Votes include support of Iowa Nutrition Reduction Strategy. <http://www.4-traders.com/news/iowa-corn-growers-association-iowa-corn-growers-set-new-legislative-policies--17223226/>

Iowa Farmer Today - Groups press for Iowa clean-water goals - 8/28/13 - Iowa environmental groups filed a request with state officials Aug. 20 seeking to set water-quality standards to protect Iowa's water supply, promote public health and preserve recreation at 159 of the state's publicly owned lakes. http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/groups-press-for-iowa-clean-water-goals/article_4de9a1f6-1013-11e3-b61e-001a4bcf887a.html

Maryland Heights (Mo.) Patch - DNR Requires Added Temperature Monitors at Bridgeton Landfill - 8/28/13 - Chris Nagel, with the DNR, said that added temperature monitors will better track movement of the smoldering fire underground. It has been burning for nearly 3 years. <http://marylandheights.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/dnr-requires-added-temperature-monitors-at-bridgeton-landfill>

Park Hills Daily Journal (Mo.) - DNR wants more monitors at Bridgeton Landfill - 8/28/13 - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is ordering the operator of a smoldering St. Louis County landfill to install three additional temperature monitors. <http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/state-and-regional/dnr-wants-more-monitors-at-bridgeton-landfill>

landfill/article_501fb669-945f-5263-a94a-adc54c3e7303.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Letter to the Editor: Get rid of landfill's radioactive waste - 8/29/13 - Your elected representatives have already chosen the EPA for you. Contact Congress today to support removal of radioactive waste! http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/get-rid-of-landfill-s-radioactive-waste/article_597153eb-86df-5074-a45d-8ac1cb1a9c0d.html

St. Louis Public Radio - Mo. DNR: The Bridgeton Landfill Fire Is Moving And We Want More Temperature Monitors To Track It - 8/28/13 - The fire within the Bridgeton Landfill is still smoldering and now the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is ordering the company which operates the landfill to install additional temperature monitors to track the fire. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/mo-dnr-bridgeton-landfill-fire-moving-and-we-want-more-temperature-monitors-track-it>

Humane Society (release) - Coalition Sues Environmental Protection Agency for Abandoning Critical Factory Farm Rule - 8/28/13 - A coalition of community, animal welfare and environmental organizations is filing a lawsuit against EPA challenging the Agency's withdrawal of a proposed rule that would have allowed EPA to collect basic information, like locations and animal population sizes, from factory farms. http://www.humanesociety.org/news/press_releases/2013/08/coalition-sues-epa-factory-farm-rule-abandonment-082813.html

Agri-Pulse –Environmental groups sue EPA over CAFO Reporting Rule - 8/28/13 - Five environmental and food safety groups filed a lawsuit today against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its withdrawal of the "Proposed CAFO [Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations] Reporting Rule." <http://www.agri-pulse.com/Environment-groups-sue-EPA-for-dropping-data-rule-8282013.asp>

Des Moines Register - Iowa group joins lawsuit against EPA, challenging oversight of large livestock operations - 8/28/13 - Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement has joined four animal, food and water protection groups in a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, challenging its oversight of large livestock confinement operations. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/08/28/iowa-group-joins-lawsuit-against-epa-challenging-oversight-of-large-livestock-operations/article>
Widely Reported

The Vandalia Leader (Mo.) - Audrain emergency planning gets award - 8/28/13 - The Audrain County, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was recognized for outstanding achievement in planning for chemical emergencies. <http://www.vandalialeader.com/?p=9858>

Chicago Now (blog) - Atrazine: What if EPA scandals were like sexting scandals? - 8/28/13 - Two years after critical panel review implicating Atrazine with cancer cases, why is Atrazine still on the market? Does the EPA really have the interests of American public health at heart? <http://www.chicagonow.com/high-gloss-and-sauce/2013/08/atrazine-what-if-epa-scandals-were-like-sexting-scandals/>

Hoosier Ag Today - EPA Urged to Deny Petition for RFS Waiver - 8/28/13 - The Renewable Fuels Association is urging the Environmental Protection Agency to reject the petition for a partial waiver of the 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard recently submitted by the American Petroleum Institute and American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers. <http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/epa-urged-to-deny-petition-for-rfs-waiver/>

Brownfield Ag News - Response to Iowa's water quality funding 'amazing' - 8/28/13 - The president of Iowa Farm Bureau, Craig Hill, says he's impressed at how Iowa farmers have responded to the state's first water quality cost share initiative. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/08/28/response-iowas-water-quality-funding-amazing/>

Brownfield Ag News - Ethanol interests oppose partial RFS waiver - 8/28/13 - Ethanol interests are speaking out against the American Petroleum Institute's call for a partial waiver from the renewable fuel standard. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/08/28/ethanol-interests-oppose-partial-rfs-waiver/>

Greenwire - Farmers reduced sediment loss through voluntary conservation -- USDA - 8/28/13 - Farmers in the Lower Mississippi River Basin have been able to fight back against sediment and nutrient loss through voluntary conservation work, according to a new Department of Agriculture report. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986514/feed>

Greenwire - Environmental justice part of the conversation during March on Washington anniversary - 8/28/13 - A top U.S. EPA official said the government plans to redouble its work on environmental justice issues, an important but often overlooked plank in the civil rights movement being celebrated today on the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986522/feed>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Lake Ogallala fish kill blamed on lack of oxygen - 8/28/13 - The fish kill at Lake Ogallala in western Nebraska has been blamed on low oxygen levels in the water in the lake and canal below Kingsley Dam near Ogallala. http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/lake-ogallala-fish-kill-blamed-on-lack-of-oxygen/article_ea86c5d9-c301-5ba0-8785-765d67da3a1c.html

Missourinet - Doe Run lobbying for override of veto on punitive damage cap legislation - 8/29/13 - Doe Run Company, a Missouri lead producer, says one of the Governor's vetoes could spell the end of its operations in the state. <http://www.missourinet.com/2013/08/29/doe-run-lobbying-for-override-of-punitive-damage-cap-legislation/>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Enviromental watchdog wants crop insurance changes - 8/29/13 - The Natural Resources Defense Council wants Nebraska farmers who practice good stewardship to be rewarded with lower rates for federally subsidized crop insurance. http://journalstar.com/news/local/enviromental-watchdog-wants-crop-insurance-changes/article_cca9cb29-9971-514a-9f0f-7d0084b498af.html

Wichita Business Journal - Study: Kansas ranks sixth in nation for creation of green-energy jobs - 8/28/13 - A study by Environmental Entrepreneurs, a nonprofit industry group that promotes alternative energy, finds that 1,000 Kansas jobs in the wind industry have been announced since 2012. <http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/blog/2013/08/study-kansas-ranks-sixth-in-nation.html>

Newton Kansan (Kan.) - Newton adds utility fee - 8/29/13 - Due to stricter regulations at the state and federal level, the city of Newton is facing a \$23 million wastewater treatment plant upgrade and will have to raise wastewater utility rates to fund the project. <http://www.thekansan.com/article/20130829/NEWS/130829386/2015/OBITUARIES>

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Inside EPA - EPA Asks States For Ideas On How To Cut Existing Power Plants' GHGs - 8/28/13 - EPA is seeking ideas from states on how to craft greenhouse gas (GHG) rules for existing power plants, asking for suggestions that "might fit" in the rules. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-08/30/2013/epa-asks-states-for-ideas-on-how-to-cut-existing-power-plants-ghgs/menu-id-67.html>

Waste & Recycling News - Missouri wants three more temperature probes at Bridgeton landfill - 8/29/13 - Missouri is requiring the addition of three additional temperature monitoring probes at the Bridgeton landfill near St. Louis. <http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/article/20130829/NEWS01/130829923/missouri-wants-three-more-temperature-probes-at-bridgeton-landfill>

National Journal - Obama to Name Top Climate-Change Regulator - 8/28/13 - The White House is expected to fill the EPA slot left vacant by Gina McCarthy's promotion by naming Janet McCabe, a deputy who will be tasked with navigating the legal hurdles that lie ahead. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/obama-to-name-top-climate-change-regulator-20130828>

Society for Environmental Journalists - Is Poor Safety Data a Bigger Threat Than Terrorists? - 8/28/13 - A Dallas Morning News investigation published August 24, 2013, found that nine times out of ten, government information about chemical safety was wrong or missing. <http://www.sej.org/publications/watchdog-tipsheet/poor-safety-data-bigger-threat-terrorists>

Society for Environmental Journalists - Environmental Whistleblowers May Be Losing Their Rights - 8/28/13 - Can a federal employee who discloses lax safety inspections of gas pipelines or terminals be fired? That might be the case under a new federal appeals court decision that limits the whistleblower protections for federal employees. <http://www.sej.org/publications/watchdog-tipsheet/environmental-whistleblowers-may-be-losing-their-rights>

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naming Janet McCabe, a deputy who will be tasked with navigating the legal hurdles that lie ahead. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/obama-to-name-top-climate-change-regulator-20130828>

Forbes - Rural Communities Need Extra Support In Light Of Energy And Water Constraints - 8/29/13 - It's likely that climate change will impact rural communities in different ways than it will urban areas, due to a number of factors including the types of common occupations, poverty levels and demography. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/edfenergyexchange/2013/08/29/rural-communities-need-extra-support-in-light-of-energy-and-water-constraints/>

BNA - Group Plans to Sue EPA Over Inaction On State Plans to Control Particle Pollution - 8/29/13 - The Center for Biological Diversity said Aug. 28 it plans to sue the Environmental Protection Agency for missing statutory deadlines to act on nine states' plans for curbing particle air pollution. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36037322&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1d8b0m8&split=0

BNA - White House Told New Technology Could Boost Carbon Capture Systems - 8/29/13 - New technologies could play a major role in deployment of commercial-scale carbon capture and storage systems at new power plants. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36037313&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1d7q0b6&split=0

BNA - EPA Final Analysis of Oil Component Increases Dose Deemed Without Harm - 8/29/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a final lifelong exposure concentration for a naturally occurring constituent of oil and coal tar that is higher than the agency proposed in 2011. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36037323&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1d8c2f7&split=0

Inside EPA - Backing Industry, Reviewers Urge EPA To Revise TSCA Assessment Of TCE - 8/28/13 - Several panelists reviewing EPA's draft risk assessment of trichloroethylene (TCE) are urging the agency to overhaul the document with additional exposure data, backing industry claims. <http://insideepa.com/201308282445164/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/backing-industry-reviewers-urge-epa-to-revise-tsca-assessment-of-tce/menu-id-95.html>

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Inside EPA - Industry Faults EPA Data, Monitoring Mandates In Suit Over PM2.5 NAAQS - 8/28/13 - Industry groups suing over EPA's tightened fine particulate matter (PM2.5) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) claim the agency failed to consider data that supported retaining the existing limit. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-08/30/2013/industry-faults-epa-data-monitoring-mandates-in-suit-over-pm25-naaqs/menu-id-67.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Local and Industrial Emergency Planners Recognized for Chemical Emergency Planning Achievements throughout EPA Region 7 - 8/26/13 – Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

9/5/13 – Chicago Heights Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Pamela Johnson, 7480

9/10 - 13/13 – EJ Coordinators Meeting and NEJAC, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649, and Tamara Freeman, 7094

9/24 - 25/13 – EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

10/9/13 – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

9/5/13 – Chicago Heights Public Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 and Belinda Young, 7463

SUPR

None

WWPD

9/4-6/13 – Kansas Geological Seminar and meeting with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/5-6/13 – Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri, 2013 Missouri Water Seminar, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flourney, 7782, John DeLashmit, 7821

9/9/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/9-10/13 – Nebraska Public Water System Supervision Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/10-12/13 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Alexandria, Va. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

9/11/13 – Missouri Clean Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: John DeLashmit, 7821, Bob Angelo, 7060, Ann Lavaty, 7370

9/13/13 – KU WaterWorks keynote address, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

9/16/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/16-20/13 – Sanitary Survey Training, Mt Pleasant, Mich. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

9/18/13 - Missouri Water Enforcement Association, Stormwater/Watershed Management Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

9/22-26/13 – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/23/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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